

for women in access to health care. I have long been concerned about the status of women's health care policies in the United States. That is why I have supported several bills and policy changes to improve women's health status.

For too long, the Federal Government failed to recognize the health differences between men and women. For example, for many years clinical trials run by the Food and Drug Administration, FDA, often excluded women. As a result, safety and efficacy standards failed to take into account the physiological differences between men and women. That is why I have worked with the FDA to increase the number of women included in these important clinical trials.

One way to ensure that we continue to make steady improvements on women's health issues is to ensure that our public health agencies work in a coordinated manner to consider the public health impact on women of a range of health issues. We can accomplish this goal by passing the Women's Health Offices Act, which statutorily establishes Offices of Women's Health at all of our public health agencies.

While we have made progress we need to continue efforts to focus on the fact that women's health research is key to the future of improving and saving more lives. As a result of such research, death rates have decreased for women with tumors of the cervix, breast, uterus, and ovary. Quality of life has also improved for cancer patients through the development of less invasive surgical techniques, organ-sparing treatments, and better control of pain and nausea related to chemotherapy.

Women's health is an issue I take very seriously. My two sisters both had breast cancer and died of the disease, in a time before regular mammograms and improved treatment methods were widely used or available.

I believe that we must work together in a bipartisan manner to refashion our health care system so that all Americans, especially women, have access to the high quality care they deserve at an affordable price.●

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

TRIBUTE TO INTERNS

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I extend my appreciation to my spring 2005 class of interns: Sarah Krantz, Matt Hill, Lauryn Douglas, Matt Drake, Stephanie Strasko, John Anderson, Ben Taylor, Stacey Shin and Kathryn Anderson. Each of them has been of tremendous assistance to me and to the people of Iowa over the past several months.

Since I was first elected to the Senate in 1984, my office has offered internships to young Iowans and other interested students. Through their work in the Senate, our interns have not only seen the legislative process, but also personally contributed to our Nation's democracy.

It is with much appreciation that I recognize Sarah, Matt, Lauryn, Matt, Stephanie, John, Ben, Stacey and Kathryn for their hard work this spring. It has been a delight to watch them take on their assignments with enthusiasm and hard work. I am very proud to have worked with each of them. I hope they take from their spring a sense of pride in what they have been able to accomplish, as well as an increased interest in public service and our democratic system and process.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 4, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolutions:

H.J. Res. 19. Joint Resolution providing for the appointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 20. Joint Resolution providing for the appointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2005, the enrolled joint resolutions were signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. WARNER) during the adjournment of the Senate, on May 4, 2005.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 29) providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, without amendment.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 127. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Re-

public of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1082. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Illinois Avenue in Vinita, Oklahoma, as the "Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building".

H.R. 1185. An act to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1542. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as the "Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building".

H.J. Res. 47. Joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

The message also announced that the House agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1268) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditions construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 101(f)(3) of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 (42 U.S.C. 1320b-19), the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Ms. Loretta Goff of New York.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Timothy J. Johnson or Minnetonka, Minnesota.

The message further (42 U.S.C. 1975 note), the order of the House of January 4, 2005, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Civil Rights for a six year term expiring May 3, 2011: Mr. Michael Yaki of San Francisco, California.

The message also announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the